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SUBJECT: CANADIAN REACTION TO US COMMENTS ON NUCLEAR ASSISTANCE.

1. REPEATED BELOW ARE JUNE 17 FRONT PAGE OTTAWA JOURNAL ARTICLE ON SECRETARY'S REPORTED COMMENTS IN JERUSALEM ON FOREIGN NUCLEAR ASSISTANCE HEADED "HENRY SLAPS OUR WRIST" AND STATEMENT ISSUED JUNE 17 BY CANADIAN DEPT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS SAYING CANADIAN SAFEGUARDS ON NUCLEAR COOPERATION WITH INDIA WERE EQUIVALENT TO THOSE OF US AT THE TIME, STATING AGREEMENT WITH INDIA FOR PEACEFUL PURPOSES ONLY, AND RESTATING DISAPPROVAL OF INDIAN NUCLEAR EXPLOSION.

2. OTTAWA JORNAL ARTICLE FOLLOWS:

QUOTE:

HITS CANADIAN N-AID - HENRY SLAPS OUR WRIST.

U.S. STATE SECRETARY HENRY KISSINGER SUNDAY CRITICIZED CANADA FOR NOT PROVIDING ADEQUATE SAFEGUARDS IN ITS UNCLASSIFIED

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FOREIGN NUCLEAR ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.

MR. KISSINGER, WHO ARRIVES IN OTTAWA AT MIDNIGHT FOR A MEETING OF NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY ORGANIZATION FOREIGN MINISTERS TUESDAY, SAID IN JERUSALEM THAT INDIA'S RECENT DETONATION OF A NUCLEAR DEVICE WAS INADVERTENTLY AIDED BY CANADA.

THE SECRETARY WAS RESPONDING TO QUESTIONS RAISED AFTER HE ANNOUNCED THAT THE U.S. WILL PROVIDE EGYPT AND ISRAEL WITH ASSISTANCE IN DEVELOPING NUCLEAR ELECTRIC POWER. HE SAID THERE IS LITTLE CHANCE OF EITHER NATIONS ABUSING THE AID BECAUSE THE SAFEGUARDS OF THE U.S. ARE BETTER THAN CANADA'S.

FOREIGN MINISTERS FROM THE NATO ALLIANCE'S 15-MEMBER NATIONS BEGAN ARRIVING HERE SUNDAY FOR THE TWO-DAY MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE.

DELEGATES ARE EXPECTED TO APPROVE A 14-PARAGRAPH DECLARATION, ALREADY DUBBED THE OTTAWA DECLARATION, WHICH OFFICIALS SAY REAFFIRMS THE SOLIDARITY OF THE ALLIANCE. THE UNITED STATES IS EXPECTED TO ASK THAT THE DECLARATION BE SIGNED BY HEADS OF STATE IN A BRUSSELS CEREMONY ON JUNE 26.

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS MINISTER MITCHELL SHARP IS EXPECTED TO REPEAT CANADA'S OPPOSITION TO FRENCH NUCLEAR ATMOSPHERIC TESTING IN THE PACIFIC WHEN THE NEW FRENCH FOREIGN MINISTER ARRIVES.

IN BILATERAL TALKS BEING HELD TODAY, MR. SHARP IS TO MEET WITH PORTUGAL'S NEW FOREIGN MINISTER, MARIO SOARES, TO DISCUSS WHETHER CANADIAN GOVERNMENT AID WOULD BE PERMITTED IN THE PORTUGUESE AFRICAN COLONIES.

MR. SOARES, WHO RETURNED TO HIS NATIVE LAND FROM FRANCE FOUR DAYS AFTER THE MAY COUP D'ETAT LED BY GENERAL SPINOLA, WAS A POPULAR SOCIALIST LEADER FORCED INTO EXILE. UNQUOTE

3. STATEMENT ISSUED BY DEPARTMENTAL SPOKESMAN, CANADIAN DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS FOLLOWS:
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QUOTE:

THE CIRUS REACTOR AGREEMENT PROVIDES THAT INDIA WILL USE THE REACTOR AND ITS PRODUCTS FOR PEACEFUL PURPOSES ONLY. IN ADDITION, CANADA HAS THE RIGHT TO INSPECT ON CANADIAN FUEL IN THE REACTOR. HOWEVER, THE REACTOR HAS NOT USED CANADIAN FUEL FOR SEVERAL YEARS. THESE ARRANGEMENTS WERE CONCLUDED IN 1956, ONE YEAR BEFORE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE IAEA AND

SEVERAL YEARS BEFORE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE IAEA SAFEGUARDS SYSTEM AND THE CONCLUSION OF THE NUCLEAR NONPROLIFERATION TREATY. THESE ARRANGEMENTS WERE CONSIDERED TO BE AS GOOD AS COULD THEN BE OBTAINED, IN TERMS OF THE "STATE OF THE ART" OF SAFEGUARDS AT THAT TIME AND WERE EQUIVALENT TO THE SAFEGUARDS WHICH THE UNITED STATES OBTAINED ON THE HEAVY WATER WHICH IT SUPPLIED FOR THAT REACTOR.

THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA HAS FOR SOME YEARS EXPRESSED VERY CLEARLY ITS VIEW THAT THERE CAN BE NO DISTINCTION MADE BETWEEN DEVELOPING THE TECHNOLOGY OF NUCLEAR EXPLOSIVE DEVICES FOR SO-CALLED PEACEFUL PURPOSES AND DEVELOPING IT FOR MILITARY PURPOSES. WE HAVE REITERATED THIS VIEW AT THE MEETING OF THE IAEA BOARD OF GOVERNORS IN VIENNA LAST WEEK AND MADE IT CLEAR THAT CANADA INTERPRETS ITS NPT OBLIGATIONS AS PRECLUDING IT FROM MAKING NUCLEAR MATERIAL, EQUIPMENT AND ENGINEERING SERVICES AVAILABLE TO NON-NPT PARTIES WHICH COULD BE USED FOR DEVELOPMENT OF A NUCLEAR EXPLOSIVE DEVICE IN ABSENCE OF A SPECIFIC UNDERTAKING PRECLUDING THEIR USE IN DEVELOPMENT OF SUCH A DEVICE. THIS IS, OF COURSE, ALSO FULLY IN KEEPING WITH THE IAEA SAFEGUARDS SYSTEM, WHICH THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA BELIEVES HAS AN ESSENTIAL ROLE TO PLAY IN PROMOTION OF A STABLE AND PEACEFUL WORLD ORDER.

THE GOVERNMENT HAS ALSO EXPRESSED VERY CLEARLY ITS STRONG DISAPPROVAL AND OBJECTIONS TO INDIA'S RECENT EXPLOSION OF A NUCLEAR DEVICE WHICH HAS GREATLY INCREASED THE DANGERS OF NUCLEAR PROLIFERATION IN THE WORLD, AND WE HAVE SUSPENDED ALL NUCLEAR COOPERATION WITH INDIA PENDING A FULL REVIEW OF THE SITUATION. WE HOPE THAT ALL NATIONS, ESPECIALLY THE NUCLEAR POWERS, WILL NOW MAKE A CONCENTED EFFORT TO PUT AN END TO ALL NUCLEAR TESTING AND TO COOPERATE IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF ARRANGEMENTS TO PREVENT FURTHER SPREAD

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